**New Attractions Planned for the Magic City**

As if Birmingham isn't already brimming with attractions for every taste, six new attractions will proudly call Birmingham their home.

Recently opened in June 1997, the new Mercedes-Benz Visitors Center is a new 24,000 square foot visitors center and museum that gives guests a glimpse of actual vehicles from the Mercedes collection. Video presentation, interactive modules, and hands on viewing are also part of the scheduled factory tours that are available, where you can view the Mercedes M-Class, the official dinosaur snack in Steven Spielberg's The Lost World.

Opening in the summer of 1998, Visionland...Alabama's new family theme park...will lie over 35 acres of land, featuring thrilling rides, a six and a half acre water park, 10,000 square foot family arcade, and many other attractions, providing some of the finest family entertainment. Also in summer of 1998, The $40 million McWane Center: Adventures in Science, will introduce an IMAX dome theater, the Ocean Pool and World of Water exhibits, ScienceQuest...a collection of the most interactive science exhibits available in the state...and the Challenger Learning Center...a simulated space flight display. For more family adventure, just down the street from Visionland will be a 160,000 square foot Entertainment Zone featuring an in-line skating rink, bowling alley and a 14 screen theater, bordered by a wide selection of restaurants and lounges.

For more information about visitor attractions and Birmingham's southern hospitality, please contact the Greater Birmingham Convention and Visitors Bureau at 1/800/458-8085, or visit the web site www.bcvb.org.

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